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In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed January 22, 2003, Appellants submit herewith in triplicate an amended appeal brief. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.192(c), the amended brief contains a status of all claims and a concise explanation of the claimed invention that refers to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings by reference characters.

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